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AMCONSUL KARACHI

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SUBJECT: PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER RAMAY ON WAY OUT

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1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WE HAD ALONE AT JULY FOURTH RECEPTION, CHIEF MINISTER RAMAY CONFIDED TO ME THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING POSITION "NEXT WEEK." ASKED IF HE KNEW WHAT HE WOULD DO NEXT, HE REPLIED, "I MAY BE MADE A SENATOR AND THEN I MAY BE GIVEN A POSITION IN THE FEDERAL CABINET." HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HIS SUCCESSOR OR ABOUT THE FUTURE OF GOVERNOR KHAR. SINCE HE MENTIONED LATTER IN PASSING WITH BITTER SARCASM, I DID NOT FEEL IT WAS TACTFUL TO PROBE FURTHER.

2. DURING SAME CONVERSATION, AND LATER WHEN HE RETURNED MY PRO FORMA TOAST, RAMAY SPOKE WITH CONSIDERABLE FEELING ABOUT "GREATNESS OF THAT LAND WE CALL AMERICA." IN PARTING, HE PAUSED TO WISH OUR "GLORIOUS DEMOCRACY" EVERLASTING SUCCESS IN ITS "CONTINUING REVOLUTION AND TRADITION OF LIBERALISM." (EARLIER, HE HAD SPOKEN WITH CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS IN INDIA, WHICH HE LABELED "TRAGIC," AND "PROBABLY A BAD OMEN FOR PAKISTAN.")

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3. GOVERNOR KHAR TELEPHONED FROM ISLAMABAD SHORTLY BEFORE
RECEPTION TO SAY HE HAD BEEN "UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED" BY PRIME
MINISTER, AND APOLOGIZED FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO COME. HE
EXPRESSED FELICITATIONS FOR OUR NATIONAL DAY AND SAID HE WOULD
MAKE A POINT TO SEE ME UPON HIS RETURN TO LAHORE. (HE ARRIVED
LATER IN DAY.)
GRIFFIN

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